

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bulk bag with integral pallets, comprising:

a flexible bag body having a bottom and sidewalls;

at least two elongate tubular pallet members having axially extending openings adapted to receive fork tines from a fork lift, each of the at least two elongate tubular pallet members having at least one underlying wear pad with strap receiving apertures extending transversely through the at least one underlying wear pad; and

means for securing each of the at least two elongate pallet members to the bottom of the bag body with the least one underlying wear pad exposed, in the form of straps extending from the bag body transversely through the strap receiving apertures and underlying the at least two elongate tubular pallet members.

2. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein each of the at least two elongate pallet member has a first end and a second end, a single underlying wear pad extending between the first end and the second end.

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4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bulk bag with integral pallets, comprising:

a flexible bag body having a bottom and sidewalls;

at least two elongate tubular pallet members of polymer plastic having axially extending openings adapted to receive fork tines from a fork lift, ~~The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein~~ each of the at least two tubular elongate pallet members has a first end, a second end, and at least two underlying wear pads including a first wear pad adjacent to the first end and a second wear pad adjacent to the second end~~[[.]]~~ and

means for securing each of the at least two elongate pallet members to the bottom of the bag body with the least one underlying wear pad exposed, in the form of one of straps, laces or sleeves extending from the bag body and positioned transversely between the at least two underlying wear pads in a position underlying the at least two elongate tubular pallet members, such that the straps, laces or sleeves are protected from wear by the at least two underlying wear pads which provide an underlying wear surface.

5. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 4, wherein a third wear pad is positioned intermediate the first wear pad and the second wear pad.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4, wherein the at least ~~[[one]]~~ two underlying wear ~~[[pad is]]~~ pads are removable from each of the at least two elongate pallet members for replacement.

7. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein each of the at least two elongate pallet members has a textured top gripping surface adapted to frictionally engage the bottom of the bulk bag.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 7, wherein the gripping surface is textured by a plurality of ribs.

9. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 8, wherein the ribs are generally parallel and extend transversely across each of the elongate pallet members.

10. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein each of the at least two pallet members are made from polymer plastic.

11. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 10, wherein the at least one wear pad is integrally moulded as part of each of the at least two polymer plastic pallet members.

12. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 10, wherein each of the at least two polymer plastic pallets members is fabricated in a generally tubular configuration with voids, thereby reducing their weight.

13. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 12, wherein the voids include perforations.

14. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 12, wherein the voids include cut outs.

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17. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein the axially extending openings are fluted, thereby providing a guide for the entry of fork tines from the fork lift.

18. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein each of the at least two elongate pallet members has at least one wing extending laterally from one side.

19. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least two elongate pallet members has an electronic

identification carrier adapted to be identify said elongate pallet member and distinguish it from other pallet members upon electronic interrogation.

20. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 19 wherein the electronic identification carrier is a microchip capable of encoding data regarding at least one of the contents, weight, or shipping destination of the bulk bag.

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24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bulk bag with integral pallets, comprising:
a flexible bag body having a bottom and sidewalls;
at least two elongate pallet members having axially extending openings adapted to receive fork tines from a fork lift;

means for securing each of the at least two elongate pallet members to the bottom of the bag body in parallel spaced relation adjacent to two of the sidewalls; ♦♦

each of the at least two elongate pallet members has a wing extending laterally from [at least] one side and extending inwardly away from the sidewalls, such ♦♦
that the wing supports the bottom of the bulk bag to limit bottom sagging.

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27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bulk bag with integral pallets, comprising:
a flexible bag body having a bottom and sidewalls;
two polymer plastic elongate pallet members having axially extending openings adapted to receive fork tines from a fork lift, each of the two elongate pallet members having a first end, a second end, and at least two underlying wear pads including a first wear pad adjacent the first end and a second wear pad adjacent the second end, the at least two elongate pallets members being fabricated in a generally tubular configuration with weight reducing voids; and

the two elongate pallet members being secured to the bottom of the bag body by one of straps, laces, or elasticized sleeves with the least two underlying wear pads exposed, the straps, laces or elasticized sleeves being positioned between the at least two underlying wear pads in a position underlying the at least two tubular pallet members such that the straps, laces or elasticised sleeves are and being protected ♦♦
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from wear by the at least two underlying wear pads which provide an underlying wear surface.

28. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 27, wherein a third wear pad is positioned intermediate the first wear pad and the second wear pad.

29. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 27, wherein each of the at least two wear pads is removable from each of the two elongate pallet members for replacement.

30. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 27, wherein the at least two wear pads are integrally moulded as part of each of the at least two polymer plastic pallet members.

31. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 27, wherein the weight reducing voids include perforations.

32. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 27, wherein the axially extending openings are fluted, thereby providing a guide for the entry of fork tines from the fork lift.

33. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 27, wherein each of the elongate pallet members has a textured top gripping surface with ribs that are generally parallel and extend transversely across the elongate pallet members, the ribs being adapted to frictionally engage the bottom of the bulk bag.

34. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 27, wherein each of the elongate pallet members has at least one wing extending laterally from one side.

35. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 27, wherein at least one of the two elongate pallet members has an electronic identification carrier adapted to be identify said elongate pallet member and distinguish it from other pallet members upon electronic interrogation, the electronic identification carrier including a microchip capable of encoding data regarding at least one of the contents, weight, or shipping destination of the bulk bag.